



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Hidehisa ASADA et al. : Docket No. 2000-0259A
Serial No. 09/508,435 : Group Art Unit 1644
Filed March 13, 2000 : Examiner P. Nolan
IMMUNOASSAY FOR BNP

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C.

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ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated July 3, 2001, the time for filing a response thereto to be extended one month in accordance with a petition for extension submitted concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert on page 1 immediately after the title:

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This is a 371 of PCT/JP98/04063, filed September 10, 1998.

IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING:

Please replace the sequence listing of record with the attached substitute sequence listing.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) An immunoassay specific for a mammalian γ -BNP derivative, wherein said immunoassay comprises a first antibody reactive with mammalian α -BNP and a second antibody reactive with mammalian prepro-BNP or a γ -BNP derivative and not α -BNP.